

CIVIL WAR to Flinn Ferry
Dec 1, 1864 De Kalb Co. Ga.
St. Louis - battle

Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.

December 1st 1864

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter which done me a great deal of good although it was nearly 3 months coming to me I am well at present but have had a hard trip been sick some and hungry a little but am safe and sound am getting rested up so I begin to feel well I mean to come home this winter if possible and then I will tel you all about the trip

I am glad the box and money went through the saddle I did not send as the Capt. would not give a permit to send a saddle so I would not send it as it could be taken from me any where on the road I am so glad to hear you are all well health is happiness I had rather suffer most any thing else than sickness